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EDUCATION

University of Washington. Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs. Seattle, Washington.
Ph.D., Public Policy and Management. Expected 2010.

University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, Wisconsin.
M.S., Economics. 2006.

London School of Economics and Political Science. London, United Kingdom.
M.Sc., Social Research Methods (Social Policy), with merit. 2003.

Willamette University. Salem, Oregon.
B.S., Mathematics. Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa. 2001.
Minor in Spanish and semester in Quito, Ecuador.

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant. Community Vitality Project. University of Washington. 2007-present.

- Participated in development of tool to evaluate progress against poverty in eight U.S. states.
- Developed indicators, gathered and analyzed data, assessed policies, and reviewed literature.

Research Assistant. Professor Rachel Garshick Kleit. University of Washington. 2006-2007.

- Prepared data and reviewed literature on location patterns of Housing Choice voucher recipients.
- Wrote a research proposal describing discrete choice analysis of residential location decisions.

Fellow. National Institute of Mental Health Training Grant in Economics of Health and Mental Health.
University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2005-2006.

- Studied neurological economics, the economic effects of mental illness, and pharmaceutical markets.
- Presented own research and provided peer review of other students' research.

Research Assistant. Professor David Vanness. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Spring 2005.

- Created detailed database of mental health parity laws in each state.
- Compiled provisions of legislative acts related to employer-provided health insurance.

Teaching Assistant. Principles of Microeconomics. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Fall 2004.

- Led weekly discussion sections, held office hours, and graded homework for 70 students.
- With other teaching assistants, wrote homework and exam questions for 900 students.

Forecast Analyst and Contractor. Oregon Department of Human Services. 2001-2003.

- Calculated quarterly forecasts for medical assistance caseloads.
- Researched and explained caseload dynamics and effects of policy changes.
- Modified and documented software application for forecasting medical assistance caseloads.
- Served on committees to develop performance measures and a comprehensive client database.

RESEARCH

Interests: anti-poverty policy, low-wage labor market, economic inequality, workforce development

“Public Assistance and Workfare,” (with Benjamin W. Cowan, John Karl Scholz, and Caleb Z. White), East-West Center/Korea Development Institute 2006 Conference on Social Policy at a Crossroad: Trends in Advanced Countries and Implications for Korea, August 2006.

“The Economic Well-Being of Vocational Rehabilitation Participants with Mental Illnesses,” presented to University of Wisconsin-Madison health economics graduate seminar, April 2005.

“Better Off in Employment? The Effect of Work on the Incomes of British Lone Parents,” London School of Economics and Political Science, Master’s Thesis (Distinction), August 2003.

“Participation Patterns of New Food Stamps Recipients in State of Oregon Medical Assistance Programs,” Oregon Department of Human Services, April 2002.

SKILLS

Software: Stata, SPSS, R, EQS, LaTeX, MATLAB, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint.

Languages: English (native), Spanish (proficient).

ACTIVITIES

Recipient of Fannie Mae Travel Grant to attend Fall 2006 conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management.

Graduate student staff for Economics of Population Health, the inaugural conference of the American Society of Health Economists, June 2006.

Founder and President of Willamette Students for Peace and Justice, 1998-2001.

Witness for Peace delegation to Nicaragua, 1998.

HONORS

Alpha Lambda Delta Graduate Fellowship, 2004.

London School of Economics and Political Science Graduate Merit Award, 2003.

Rhodes Scholarship State Finalist, 2002.

Marshall Scholarship Regional Finalist, 2002.

Robert C. Byrd Scholarship, 1997-2000.

Willamette University Allis Economics Scholarship, Jory-Hafferkamp Prize in Mathematics, Meyer Student Life Award, Mortar Board, Residence Life Award, and Community Outreach Student Award.